

DCP 443 Working Group - Meeting 10

23 April 2025 at 10:00 - Web-Conference

Attendee	Company
Working Group Members	
Alex Lam [AL]	National Grid
Charles Mott [CM]	SSE
Chris Barker [CB]	ENWL
Chris Ong [CO]	UKPN
Ed Grimsey [EG]	BU-UK
Edda Dirks [ED]	SSE Gen
Joe Boyle [JB]	SPEN
Kara Burke [KB]	NPg
Karl Maryon [KM]	Drax
Michael Hewitson [MH]	Trident Utilities
Peter Waymont [PW]	UKPN
Robert Mottershead [RM]	Sedulity Energy
Simon Vicary [SV]	EDF
Code Administrator	
Andy Green [AG] (Chair)	ElectraLink
Mel Kendal [MK] (Technical Secretariat)	ElectraLink

1. Administration

- 1.1 The Working Group reviewed the “Competition Law Guidance” and “Terms of Reference”. All Working Group members agreed to be bound by the Competition Law Guidance for the duration of the meeting and agreed to the Terms of Reference.
- 1.2 The Working Group reviewed the previous meeting minutes and agreed them to be an accurate reflection of the discussions held.
- 1.3 An action log has been created, and all updates are provided in **Appendix A**.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

- 2.1 The Chair explained that the purpose of this meeting is to review both the updated RFI data and updated modelling within the Working Group and agree next steps.

3. Review Test Model Outcomes

- 3.1 The Chair invited members to run-through their test model outcomes with the Working Group for further discussion – this was presented on screen.
- 3.2 The key points can be found below:
- 3.3 AL presented the Working Group with their outcomes after reviewing the test model.
- 3.4 AL informed the group that whilst looking at the methodology behind the Standing Charges table, it was queried as to how the levels of networks to include are determined and how it affects the network further up (i.e., where should the limits be set).
- 3.5 AL also noted that amending these Standing Charges seem to have a significant notable impact on whether the Excess Capacity Charge will be maybe 2 or 3 times the Capacity Charge. CB agreed with where the line is drawn is how it affects the network. It was agreed that there may need to be further guidance around this point.
- 3.6 ED explained that through testing the model previously, the fixed charge still increased and queried what is different within this version of the model that prevents the fixed charged from being affected – CB and ED agreed to take this discussion offline to further discuss and feedback to the Working Group.

ACTION 10/01: CB and ED to bilaterally discuss a query in relation to the revised model and changes that may affect fixed charges offline, and feedback to the Working Group.

- 3.7 KB confirmed their testing outcomes appeared as expected and had no further comments.
- 3.8 The Working Group discussed whether further discussions are needed to decide on where the line is drawn in relation to the above testing outcomes, however, it was agreed that it may be worth pausing those discussions for now and wait to see what CEPA/TNEI come back with first as more problems could potentially be created from it.

- 3.9 Following the above discussions, both the Chair and CB agreed to have separate discussions offline to develop the supporting document for CEPA/TNEI.

ACTION 10/02: The Chair and CB to have a discussion offline to develop the supporting document for CEPA/TNEI.

4. Review Updated RFI Data

- 4.1 The Chair invited the Working Group to review the updated RFI data, which was presented on screen.
- 4.2 The key points can be found below:
- 4.3 The Chair presented a visual representation of what the updated RFI data is showing and asked members if this is useful.
- 4.4 ED queried what conclusions are being drawn from the data as this has not yet been covered. The Chair opened this up to the group for further feedback – CB stated that the percentages are more valuable than the count as the base of customers is always growing. CB also noted that there is a clear downward trend for the LV when differential charges for excess capacity are introduced (expected behaviour) and based on the feedback received via Consultations is that there though to be differential costs incurred by that behaviour.
- 4.5 ED agreed to provide further feedback on the RFI data and the visual graph for the Working Group to review. The Working Group also agreed to gather some conclusions from the data that could be included within the Change Report.

ACTION 10/03: ED to provide further feedback on the RFI data and the visual graph for the Working Group to review.

ACTION 10/04: The Working Group to gather conclusions from the data that could be included within the Change Report.

- 4.6 There were no further comments from the Working Group on the updated RFI data.

5. Review of Pro's and Con's

- 5.1 The Chair invited the Working Group to further develop the Pro's and Con's list, which was created live during the meeting – the table can be found below:

Pro's	Con's
Drives a more efficient management of the network by DNOs.	The differential affected between LV and HV can differ with LV tending to be more effective than HV.
Reduces the risk of smearing the costs of reinforcement of exceeding capacity onto users who are keeping their capacity.	Less justification for applying a capacity-based charge for remote higher voltage assets.
Reduces the risk of customers gaming where a customer has an artificially low capacity.	Specific costs have not yet been identified relating to excess capacity.
Increases network reliability.	
Reduce the risk of health and safety issues as assets would not be utilised above the intended capacity.	

- 5.2 The Chair agreed to circulate the table to Working Group members for offline review and this can be revisited at the next meeting.

6. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- 6.1 The Working Group discussed the next steps, and the following items were captured:
- CB and ED to bilaterally discuss a query in relation to the revised model and changes that may affect fixed charges offline.
 - The Chair and CB to have a discussion offline to develop the supporting document for CEPA/TNEI.
 - ED to provide further feedback on the RFI data and the visual graph for the Working Group to review.
 - The Working Group to gather conclusions from the data that could be included within the Change Report.

7. Any Other Business

- 7.1 The Chair asked the group whether there were any other items of business to discuss.
- 7.2 There were no other items raised.

8. Date of Next Meeting – 09 June 2025

- 8.1 The next Working Group meeting will be held on 09 June 2025 at 10am.

9. Attachments

- Attachment 1_DCP 443 Work Plan

APPENDIX A

New and Open Actions

Action Ref.	Action	Owner	Update
10/01	CB and ED to bilaterally discuss a query in relation to the revised model and changes that may affect fixed charges offline, and feedback to the Working Group.	CB/ED	New Action.
10/02	The Chair and CB to have a discussion offline to develop the supporting document for CEPA/TNEI.	Secretariat/CB	New Action.
10/03	ED to provide further feedback on the RFI data and the visual graph for the Working Group to review.	ED	New Action.
10/04	The Working Group to gather conclusions from the data that could be included within the Change Report.	Working Group	New Action.

Closed Actions

Action Ref.			Update
09/01	CB to produce a written narrative outlining the changes that have been made to the modelling.	CB	Closed.
09/02	Working Group members to review the test models offline and provide feedback at the next meeting.	Working Group	Closed.
09/03	The Secretariat to contact all DNOs via email and ask them to test the models and provide feedback for the Working Group to review at the next meeting.	Secretariat	Closed.

09/04	The Secretariat to enhance the data and provide visual representation of what the data is showing for the Working Group to review at the next meeting.	Secretariat / KB	Closed.
09/05	The Secretariat to circulate the Pro's and Con's table to the Working Group for offline review.	Secretariat	Closed.